undertake normal banking transactions with any bank of their choice including foreign/private sector banks.

Commission for increasing industrial productivity and efficiency

3684. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any steps for improving productivity and efficiency in industry;

(b) whether any high level Commission is proposed to be set up on productivity and efficiency; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The National Productivity Council, an autonomous organisation, provides specialised services to promote productivity and efficiency in the industrial and agricultural sectors. The areas covered by the NPC are:—

(i) Industrial Engineering.

(ii) Information Technology.

(iii) Pollution Prevention and Control.

(iv) Energy Management.

(v) Plant Engineering.

(vi) Management Information Systems.

(vii) Human Resource Development.

(viii) Supervisory Development.

(ix) Trade Union & Worker Productivity.

(x) Agricultural Productivity.

(xi) Applied Productivity Research.

(xii) International Services.

(xiii) Productivity in the Informal Sector.

(xiv) Total Quality Management.

The NPC also brings out publications and periodicals to generate productivity awareness. Productivity Awards are given annually to recognise the efforts of industrial undertakings in achieving higher productivity.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Unrest in Rupnarainpur Unit of Hindustan Cables Limited

3685. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unrest prevailed in the Rupnarainpur Unit of Hindustan Cables Limited during October, 1992; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) There was some unrest in the Rupnarainpur Unit of Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL) in October, 1992 on the question of the rate of payment of bonus to its employees for the year 1991-92. The Management proposed bonus at the minimum statutory level of 8.33% for the year 1991-92. The Trade Unions of the Rupnarainpur Unit demanded payment of higher bonus. However, after negotiations an agreement was reached on 18-11-1992 and the Trade Unions accepted bonus at 8.33.%. Disbursements were made accordingly. This did not affect the production performance of the Unit.